

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 4, change "Description" to – Background of the Invention –'

Page 3, line 1, change "Description of the Invention" to – Summary of the Invention –;

Revise lines 5-8 to read as follows:

– This problem is solved by a device comprising the features of ~~claim 1~~ modular construction for handling workpieces (22), in particular vehicle chassis (22), having a first module, in turn, having a handling line (12) with one or more handling regions (14) for the surface treatment of workpieces (22) and a guide device (44) along the handling line (12) and a second module having one or more carriages (20; 40; 60) to which the workpieces (22) may be fixed and which may move along the guide device (44), wherein various types of second modules may each be combined with the first module and by a method comprising the features of ~~claim 22~~ initially transporting a workpiece by first conveying means to a first transfer station, pivoting a carriage up around a pivoting shaft until the carriage holds the workpiece, passing through the handling line as far as a second transfer station while performing an additional, sectional rotational movement for introducing the workpiece into, or removing it from, one or more handling regions, pivoting the carriage down around the pivoting shaft in the region of the second transfer station, and at the same time removing the workpiece by a second conveying means, and transporting the carriages that have been pivoted through approximately 90 degrees out

of the horizontal plane back to the first transfer station. Advantageous embodiments of the device ~~according to the invention~~ and of the method according to the invention are described ~~in the remaining claims herein.~~ -; and

Page 10, line 16, change "Ways of Implementing the Invention" to -
Description of the Preferred Embodiments -.